GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:124
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2007
IMPLEMENTATION OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have not achieved the targets fixed under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and

(c) the details of any irregularities reported from the States under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)(b)&(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.124 FOR 21.08.2007 ASKED BY SHRI G.M. SIDDESWARA REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

(a) & (b): The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme is an ongoing programme. Some of the States lagging behind in performance are Bihar and Manipur in civil works for school infrastructure; and West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand in teacher recruitment.

(c): Recently School Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh reported that an amount of Rs.14,98,03,378/- under District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)/Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) had been diverted to unauthorized bank accounts by the concerned Assistant Accounts Officer of the State Project Office.The State Government has taken strict action in instituting a judicial enquiry; investigations by the State CID and suspension of three accounts officials alongwith transfer of another three accounts personnel from the State Project Office.The Government of India has asked the Comptroller and Auditor of India to carry out a special audit of accounts pertaining to the DPEP and SSA for the period 2000-01 till date in Andhra Pradesh.